

Taylor High School Scholarship Guide

Below we have listed the best ways to find scholarship money for college.

The most successful students are the ones who apply for the most scholarships. Don't be afraid to apply even if you don't have a perfect grade point average. You never know what a scholarship donor or organization might be looking for! Take the time to review your essays and meet all deadlines.

Scholarships from Colleges

The most money will most likely come from the college or university you are attending. Every school's process for awarding scholarship money is different. Go to the financial aid section of the school's website and check out the scholarships available and the deadlines for applications. Some schools will consider you for scholarships as soon as you apply using your admission documents. These schools will let you know if you qualify based on your transcript, GPA, test scores, etc. Other schools have a separate application process with a separate deadline. Make sure you are aware of the process for your prospective schools. It's always a good idea to contact the financial aid office of the school after applying. There may be scholarship or financial aid opportunities that you are not aware of. The deadlines for these scholarships can be early so make sure you check them out as soon as you apply.

Local and Regional Scholarships

Check your Naviance account. You should be checking this regularly. The guidance office posts all scholarships received under the Colleges Tab on the Scholarship List. There are links to the websites or applications. It is your responsibility to check this list and apply to these scholarships. Many of these scholarships come to us after the first of the year. Make sure you are submitting all required documents and meeting the deadlines.

Senior Award's Night Scholarships

The Three Rivers community provides scholarships each year from various families and businesses in our area. Most of these use one scholarship form that is given out to all seniors in December. This is called the General Scholarship Form. This form is sent to several donors and given to the Three Rivers Scholarship Committee. It is very important that you complete this form. You should write neatly and in ink. You should attach any supporting documents that may help a scholarship donor get to know you. This could include resumes, letters of rec, etc. These are the scholarships that are awarded at the Award's Day ceremony in May. You will receive this application in English class. This application is also included in the scholarship list in Naviance. We will also email this application out. **COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION BY THE DEADLINE.** We will not be tracking you down to turn this in if you have not done so by the deadline. Every year we have students who choose not to complete it who would have most likely gotten some scholarship money. Don't let this be you!!

National Scholarships

There are many scholarships available for lots of different reasons. The easiest way to find scholarships on a national level is to create a profile on a free scholarship search engine tool. Naviance has a great National Scholarship Tool under the Colleges Tab in the Scholarship section. You can create a profile, and the computer will give you a list of scholarships that fit your requirements. There are other websites as well. These include...

www.finaid.org

www.fastweb.com

www.collegeboard.com

www.scholarships.com

Make sure you are using a free resource. Don't get caught in a scam!

Requesting a Transcript or Letter of Recommendation

Remember- any time you are requesting something from a counselor, teacher or recommender, you need to give them plenty of time to work on it. Best practice would be two weeks or more. Ask the recommender before submitting their name. Provide them with a resume or list of activities. This can be done under the About Me tab through Naviance. To request a transcript for a scholarship, you should do so through Naviance. Go to the left side of the home page and choose the Transcripts tab. You can then choose to request a transcript for a scholarship.

Express Gratitude

Any time you receive a scholarship or award, no matter the amount, you should send a thank you letter to the donor or organization. Include a short statement about your goals and dreams. Express gratitude for their investment in you. Send them updates about your progress. This can develop some great connections in your community. You never know when this could benefit you in the job market or for future financial support.